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CITY NEWS

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Equal play for Living Single



by Kelly Howard

PLAINFIELD—A group of Plainfield residents have recently met all the state requirements to initiate the process to recall Plainfield Mayor Mark Fury, said City Clerk Laddie Wyatt.

As they attempted to gather petitions last summer, the group was informed that those gathered so far were invalid, and that they must follow the proper procedures according to state regulations under the new uniform recall bill.

With the proper steps finally taken, the organization, consisting of residents Trudy Christiansen, Janice Mills and Rose Marie Schmidt, are working at getting the almost 4,000 signatures needed within 180 days. When and if they are able to get all of the signatures, there will be a special election costing the residents of Plainfield over \$34,000.

According to Christiansen, a life-

long resident of Plainfield, the recall is being sought for a good number of reasons. For one, she said that the mayor has appointed too many unqualified people to positions in the city.

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HOLLYWOOD—Take a group of six twenty-something men and women, place them in a New York apartment building; add sexual tension and the never-ending search for love and you have at least two of this season's hit TV shows.

Throw in tons of promotions, such as commercials, magazine articles and show-related merchandise, and you are talking about only one. And that is what has the cast and crew of *Living Single* is up about.

White Friends, and its many copy-

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MINISTER CRITICALLY WOUNDED IN ROBBERY

EAST ORANGE—In a horrifying turn of events, a minister was carjacked and repeatedly shot on Tuesday night, February 6, after dropping off some children who had been attending an evening service.

Reverend William J. Barnett, Jr., of the First Baptist Church, was reported to be in critical, but stable condition on a life-support system in University Hospital, Newark, after being shot in the head, chest and knee.

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CBS EXEC QUILTS BUT DENIES RACIAL COMMENTS

NEW YORK (AP)—The top late-night programming executive for CBS has quit but denies he ever made the racial slurs that got him in trouble. John Pike was quoted yesterday in *Entertainment Weekly* magazine as saying that blacks made good late-night audiences because they're jobless, can stay up late and have short attention spans suited for sketch comedy.

"Those remarks as reported were deeply offensive both to the public and to the entire CBS organization," the network said Thursday in a statement.

"CBS regrets our association with Mr. Pike has come to an end under See CBS exec/page 8

MICROSOFT, BET LAUNCH JOINT VENTURE

WASHINGTON (AP)—Microsoft Corp. and Black Entertainment Television (BET) are launching a joint venture which at first will provide entertainment and news for black television stations.

The Microsoft-BET alliance is the latest in a series of ventures the software giant has announced with other broadcasters and media companies to distribute their products on the global computer network.

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Newark, still Sharpe's city

by Kelly Howard

NEWARK—As a federal corruption probe cuts by both the federal and state government and attacks from the press rain on him, Newark Mayor Sharpe James, shared the positive in being a part of Newark as he poured out many points that defend his work in his 10th annual State of the City address, on January 31.

In his 90-minute speech before a packed Newark Council chamber of city employees and supporters, James took a stand against the many negative things that have been rearing their heads since his election in April of 1993. Much of James' 4-page speech was dominated by the many accomplishments of the last decade.

James reminded the audience of the many positive things that occurred in 1995, such as the incident-free visit of Pope John Paul II. Newark becoming the primary port of entry for Hyundai, which will generate almost 170 new jobs, \$9.5 million in tax revenue, and \$500,000 a year in economic and local taxes, and the opening of the completely federally funded, Newark Preschool Council, Mayor Sharpe James Headstart Center.

"Our achievements are noteworthy in number and quality, especially since they were recorded in the face of declining federal and state commitments to the fiscal

problems of our city," said James. "These achievements indicate our determination to prevail together with strong leadership and sound management that governs example."

Prominent to the mayor's speech was his many areas of priority for 1996, including public safety, parks and recreation, transportation, health and welfare, and recreational and cultural affairs. Closing out his speech on the same up-note as he began, James said, "With the City of Newark doing more with less and with some assistance from the State, the City and the Newark Board of Education, the historic year of 1995 will lead into 1996—a year of governmental and citizen acceptance of greater responsibilities."

Dems face old challenges with new intensity

by Michael Burton

and regions was a central theme throughout the discussions.

Invited guests Rep. Robert Torricelli (D-9th Dist.), candidate for the United States Senate and Tom Byrne, Democratic State Committee Chairman addressed the group. Byrne addressed his commitment for African Americans to become more involved in the political process. "We need the urban areas registered and voting if we are going to take this back from the Republicans," Byrne said.

Torricelli discussed his vision for the future admitting in his opening that the party has neglected African Americans. "In the past African Americans have been taken for granted...I admit that. But I know that in order for me to get elected I need your vote...to get in and stay."

Stressing the urgency of the situation Rep. Payne, also chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus said, "1996 will be one of the most critical election years in the modern history of African Americans. At stake is whether the country will go forward or whether it will regress under the leadership of Newt Gingrich and the Republican Party."

The decisions made this year will affect us for the next several decades. Therefore maximum voter participation and involvement in the political process will be essential for us to determine our future destiny."

555 years in captivity

The beginning of a new race



Sojourner Truth, born a slave in New York, later gained her freedom and became a prominent abolitionist and activist.

by Kelly Howard

As the levels of bondage changed and increased year by year, the Africans brought to America worked to recreate their many different cultures and identities. They did this by clinging to their roots, as well as to the new ones learned from the whites. At times their attempts to retain a part of their homelands, was met with resistance from their white masters.

The master hoped to train the slave to be a mindless zombie, obeying his every command and working hard to make him a profit. Fortunately, this desire of mind/work control rarely, if ever succeeded.

While the master could set extremely long hours of work for their slaves, such as working nine hours a day, reward and punishment, his rule over the slaves could hardly impinge upon how slaves established friendships, fell in love, formed kin groups, worshipped their gods, or organized their leisure time.

At first this culture had many variations because slaves came from so many areas in Africa and lived under different conditions in the colonies. But common elements emerged, led by developments in the South, where about 90 percent of American slaves labored during the colonial period.

The battle for freedom: 1700-1780

1700-In his pamphlet "The Selling of Joseph," judge Samuel Sewall of Massachusetts argued against slavery, advocating emancipation and the education of black slaves. Quaker leader George Fox urges slave owners to provide religious instruction for their slaves. William Penn, the Quaker governor of Pennsylvania, establishes a monthly meeting for African Americans. In the British North America there are 27,817 slaves, about 22,600 in the South.

1705-In Virginia, African Americans are slaves for life unless Christian in native land or were free in a Christian country. Massachusetts declares intermarriage between slaves and whites illegal.

1706-New York and Virginia pass laws stating slaves cannot be freed by Christian baptism.

1710-The government of Virginia officially frees a slave named Will for his service in exposing a slave revolt. There are 44,866 slaves in the British colonies.

1711-Quaker sentiments persuade the colonial government to outlaw slavery in Pennsylvania, but the law is vetoed by the British government.

1712-In New York City a slave revolt leaves 9 whites dead and some 20 African American rebels are either killed or committed suicide.

1716-A Massachusetts pamphlet declares that slavery discourages new settlements on the frontier by limiting job opportunities for whites.

1717-In Massachusetts, the Puritan clergyman Cotton Mather holds evening classes to instruct African Americans and Native Americans.

1721-Onesimus, a slave in the household of Cotton Mather, tells

The four Betty Crockers

NORTH CAROLINA (AP)—

Faces of four North Carolina women will help form how the Betty Crocker of the '90s will look. The four will be among 75 women nationwide whose features are to be blended by computer to create the head of the familiar icon of American cooking.

Photos of the 75 winners and Betty Crocker's 1986 portrait will be used for a single computer-generated composite image. Artist John Stuart Ingwill is working on a new portrait of Betty, which will be revealed in the next couple of months.

None of the winners—which include Cindy Winter-Harley of Cary, Julie Levine of Wilmington, Diana Gordon of Charlotte and Ann Logan of Rutherfordton—will know which part of the finished product is them.

"I want them to capture my energy, my enthusiasm," Winter-Harley said Friday. "Some people say it's in my eyes." The contest did not judge winning recipes, but says—typically on a candidate's dedication to family and community.

"I guess even when my mouth was saying 'no' to sprouts, cooking and motherhood, my eyes must have been watching, my heart must have been open and my mind must have been remembering," Winter-Harley wrote in her entry.

Levine, a trustee of her community theater, she volunteers at her daughter's school, a domestic violence shelter and Cape Fear Museum. Of the four North Carolina winners, two did not even submit an essay;

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MLK family to market his image

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Debra Jenkins elected to Girl Scout Board



WESTFIELD—Debra Jenkins of Westfield has been elected to a one-year term on the Board of Directors of Washington Rock Girl Scout Council at the council's 39th annual meeting.

Jenkins is currently assistant secretary for the Plainfield School Based Health Services, a Plainfield organization which oversees programs such as counseling for teen moms and dads and provides day care for the children while the parents are in school. Jenkins is also an active volunteer in the Pop Warner League in Plainfield.

Raising the history



LONGBRANCH—Professor Eilon Walker of Long Branch, director of the African-American Studies program, raised the first African-American flag on the university flagpole south of Woodrow Wilson Hall on Friday, February 1. The flag ceremony, an annual event, signified the beginning of the Monmouth campus observance of Black History Month.

PEOPLE



EMTs save life with new technique

NEWARK—Plainfield residents, Fabian Buchanan and Charles Coles Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) with UMDNJ-University Hospital's Emergency Service were recently awarded for making the first successful save for the hospital using a state-of-the-art Emergency Medical Technician Defibrillator. Buchanan, Coles saved the life of a man and woman who went into cardiac arrest and collapsed three days before Christmas. The EMTs administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and used the portable defibrillator which is applied at the beginning of CPR. The defibrillator analyzes the heart rhythm and identifies whether it is a shockable rhythm—whether the heart needs a "jump start." Pictured, Fabian Buchanan, EMT-D (2nd from l) and Charles Coles, EMT-D accompanied by Nancy Hamstra, (l) Director of EMS and Mark Quadrel, (r) MD, Associate Medical Director of EMS display their awards.



Community Calendar

THRU MARCH 31
NEW YORK—"Drawings from the Collection of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II" will be presented at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. For more info call 212-535-7710.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17
NEW YORK—CITY—Hartmann Globetrotters in "The World's Greatest Basketball Show" at Madison Square Garden for ticket info call 212-465-6773.

EDISON—Toastmasters International meets at the Edison Public Library at 10 a.m. for more info call 1-800-444-5999.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
UNION—"Heartsaver" 3-hour life-saving course will be held at St. James House and Union Hospital at 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for course price call St. Barnabas at 201-325-6053 or Union at 908-964-0444.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15
NEW BRUNSWICK—A free public seminar on estate and federal income tax will be held at the NJ Law Center at 7 p.m. for more info call 908-937-7525.

JERSEY CITY—"You and Your Finances," Peter Kulas, resident VP of First Investors will speak on financial investment soon in the formal lounge at JCSC. For more info call 201-205-3189.

FEBRUARY 16 & 17
Physical therapists will be on call to answer questions on women's health concerns including osteoporosis on a hotline from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. call 1-800-955-7848

FEBRUARY 16 THRU APRIL 28
NEW YORK—"Faberge in America,"

will be on display at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. For more info call 212-535-7710.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20
PLAINFIELD—Literacy Volunteers of America Plainfield chapter is hosting a Basic Literacy Tutor Training Workshop every Wednesday. Workshop begins at 6:30 p.m. for more info call 908-937-7599.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
SOUTH ORANGE—"Building Your Family Through Infant Adoption" and Educational forum being offered for prospective adoptive parents is being presented by Spence-Chapin Services for Family and Children at the Bard Community Center, 7 p.m. for more info call 201-200-3189.

JERSEY CITY—"You Raising Your Self-Esteem," a group discussion at the Women's center of JCSC at 4:30 p.m. For more info call 201-200-3189.

Enterprising scholars

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College (JCSC) media arts majors Anthony Cicalera (3rd from l), Alexandria Yalakidis (3rd from r) and Nahima El-Sherif (r) of Newark, were named recipients of the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority Scholarships for the 1995-96 academic year. At a campus ceremony, the scholarships were presented by Charles Garofalo (l) director of the Division of New Jersey Enterprise Zones. Participating in the presentations were John R. Nevin, JCSC VP for development and public affairs (2nd from l) and Jane Steuerwald (standing) chair of the JCSC Department of Media Arts.

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National News at a glance

CONGRESSIONAL PROBE OF FARRAKHAN POSSIBLE

Rep. Peter King (R-NY) has asked Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan to appear before his House International Relations Operations and Human Rights Subcommittee regarding his recent meetings with Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi in Tripoli. Farrakhan, who recently ended a tour of 23 African and Asian nations, where he met with the heads of the states, is reported to have received a commitment of \$1 billion from Gadhafi to set up an Islamic lobby in the U.S. and "mobilize the oppressed minorities to play a significant role in American political life." "Louis Farrakhan has conspired with and sought the financial assistance of a sworn enemy of the United States," said Congressman King. But, JANA, the official Libyan news agency, says, "We strongly deny that Libya contributed this amount." —WASHINGTON, DC

BLOWING THE HORN FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN ACHIEVERS

The Turner Broadcasting Systems Inc. (TBS) will air the Trumpet Awards in a 90-minute special on Saturday, Feb. 24. Xerxes Claydon, TBS assistant corporate vice president of urban affairs, created the awards in 1993 to honor African Americans and to acknowledge their accomplishments. The 1996 honorees are: Kathleen Battle, opera star; Johnnie L. Cochran Jr., defense lawyer; Virgil W. Colbert, Miller Brewing Co. executive; Myrlie Evers-Williams, NAACP board president and civil rights activist; Catherine L. Hughes, CEO and owner of Radio One Inc., radio network; Dr. LaSalle D. Lefall Jr., surgeon; Charley Pride, country music singer; Ronald Townsend, president of Gammet Television and professional basketball coach Lenny Wilkins. Presenters include Denzel Washington who will present the NAACP a \$100,000 check during the ceremony.

—ATLANTA, GA

BLACK PRESS WEEK TO BE CELEBRATED MARCH 11 - 17

The Black Press of America, with more than 230 African American-owned publications, will celebrate Black Press Week during the week of March 11-17. America's first black newspaper, Freedom's Journal, hit the streets of New York City on March 16, 1827. Black publishers will converge in Washington, D.C. during the week to hold a series of meetings with government officials, including those of the White House. The National Newspaper Publishers Association, also known as the Black Press of America will host its 1996 "Newsmaker of the Year" on the campus of Howard University and the Black Press Week Dinner at the National Press Club.

—WASHINGTON, DC

BLACK NEWSPAPER EXHIBIT FEATURED AT CHICAGO'S BLACK HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Cultural GeofWatts Black Newspaper Exhibit is the central focus of the Black Heritage Festival, held at Chicago's Navy Pier during Black History Month. The exhibit, complete with over 100 newspapers from across the country, focuses on the coverage of the highly successful Million Man March. —CHICAGO, IL

NEW MUSEUM IN ST. LOUIS HONORS BLACK INVENTORS

Black inventors are being honored with the opening of a museum during Black History Month in St. Louis. The Museum of Black Inventors houses photographs, replicas, artifacts and documents drawn from the 1800s to the present, says founder Loretta Moore. It aims to increase public awareness and understanding of inventions contributed by black Americans. Inventions include an antique printing press, lawn mower, mop, horse-shoe, pressing comb, gas burner, fire extinguisher and thermostat.

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NATION

King family agrees to market his image

ATLANTA (AP)—After zealously guarding Martin Luther King Jr.'s name and image for years, the slain civil rights leader's family says it will approve the licensing of merchandise bearing King's words and image.

The change stems from the expansion of bootleg King merchandise on the market, said Dexter Scott King, King's youngest son.

"We have a legal right to protect what is ours, but whether it's morally right or wrong is another question," said King. "I think it's both."

King is chief executive officer of the Estate of Martin Luther King Jr., a corporation established by King's heirs in 1993. He also serves as president, chairman and chief executive officer of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change.

"I want it to be clear that all of this was born out of reaction," King said. "If people are going to exploit it, we turn a blind eye and say, 'Well, we don't mind if you make money, but we don't think about us down the road and you want to help us under-

write our overhead, send us a check?'"

The Rev. C.T. Vivian, who was an adviser to the civil rights leader, supports the family's change of heart.

"If there is money to be made, some of it should go to his family," Vivian said. "Martin could have quit and made millions in corporate America or he could have traveled, giving speeches. But he gave his life to the movement."

"There are millions of people black and white—reaping the rewards of Martin's work," he said. "There is no reason why his family shouldn't live comfortably."

A line of personal checks and a limited edition statuette are already on the market.

Other products being developed include Olympic pins and CDs that, for the first time, will feature many of King's speeches. A motion picture on King's life and an annual television awards program similar to the Kennedy Center awards are in the works.

Philip Jones, president and CEO of Intellectual Properties Manage-

ment, which oversees the King estate, said more than a thousand inquiries pour in each month for King-related products.

Jones said unlicensed vendors can be squeezed out by high quality and tasteful King merchandise.

"You go into a bookstore and you have a hard time finding speeches, books, sermons written by Dr. King," said Jones, who met Dexter King in 1980 when both were students at Morehouse College. "What we're doing is packaging all of this. We want to make sure that his legacy is available to the public."

The chairman of the African American Studies Department at Georgia State University says the marketing of King's image could have a negative effect on his legacy.

"You run the risk of turning King into a commodity," Charles E. Jones said. "You run the risk of the message being lost to the product. King was not the only leader in the civil rights movement, but he symbolized that movement. The mass selling of King would cheapen what he stood for."

The battle for freedom

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the minister of medical inoculations performed in Africa by tribal healers, which is then told to Dr. Zabdiel Boydell, who performs the first smallpox inoculation on his son and two slaves.

1724 - Virginia religious tract advocates baptism and educational opportunities for African Americans, Native Americans, and people of mixed blood.

1725-In Williamsburg, V.A., a black Baptist church is founded.

1730-In a total population of 654,950, the British colonies contain 91,021 black slaves, with 17,322 living in the North and 73,698 in the South.

1739-Three slave revolts occur in South Carolina in which dozens of blacks and whites are killed. In the St. Onslow Rebellion, led by a slave named Cato, 30 whites were killed.

1740-There are 150,024 slaves in the colonies, 126,000 in the South and 23,958 in the North.

1741-In New York City, 11 blacks are burned at the stake, 18 are hanged, and 70 are sold into slavery in the South in response to a series of arsonist attacks, although there is no evidence that the victims were involved.

1743-Mr. Gordon's school to educate and train young blacks opens in Charleston, South Carolina, with support from both black and white citizens of the city.

1746-New Jersey raises a troop of 500 free African Americans and Native Americans to fight the French in Canada.

1747-Southern colonies allow blacks to serve in the colonial militia during the war; freedom is granted to any slave who kills or captures an enemy.

1750-Slave population reaches 236,400, 20 percent of the total colonial population. Over 206,000 slaves live in the South.

1757-Philadelphia Quakers ban any member who deals in the slave market.

1760-Among Quakers there is little agreement regarding slavery. Some oppose the institution; others especially in the South, tolerate slavery and are even engaged in it. New England Quakers organized against the Society of Friends to import slaves. There are 325,806 slaves in the British colonies in North America. 40,033 in the North, 285,773 in the South.

1764-In his work "The Rights of the British Colonies," Massachusetts legislator James Otis argues that slaves have a right to be free.

1767-Slaves in Massachusetts begin a court action against masters, charging them with trespass in an attempt to challenge the legality of slavery.

1769-Thomas Jefferson's first legislative proposal as a member of the Virginia House of Burgesses, a bill to provide for the emancipation of slaves is rejected.

1770-Crispus Attucks is one of three men killed by British soldier on March 5, in the Boston Massacre.

Of the 2,312,000 estimated total population of the 13 British colonies in North America, 462,000 are slaves.

1773-A group of slaves in Massachusetts files a petition asking for the right to earn money to purchase

cat shows are burning the airwaves and receiving tons of coverage. *Living Single*, which was on the air first, has received so promotional or media backing for its production company and network, and has also suffered in the bounce from one successful time

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slot to another against their top rivals *FRIENDS*.

With this change, and the lack of promotion, towards established and new audiences, the ratings for the show have dropped, and the future is looking bleak.

Funding

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ing zoos house 400 animals and not only provides children an opportunity to see exotic animals close up, they are offered the opportunity to learn about animal conservation. Yet, contradictory to what was being taught, it was clear to visitors that the conditions of the zoo were not holding up to the lessons.

Turtle Back Zoo has been steadily declining since 1990 when former County Executive Thomas J. D'Alessio discontinued construction of an animal hospital on the Zoo's

grounds due to a county budget problem. With that the animal collection has decreased, the popular children's train ride has repeatedly broken down and consequently, attendance.

Now with the extreme cuts proposed by Treffinger, which take effect April 1, the Zoo may have to look for private funding to be able to continue running. The Zoo has become a financial burden to the county, both because of its poor attendance and lack of funding.

For those interested in seeing more of (promotions) of "Living Single," contact Warner Bros. Studios, 4000 Warner Blvd., Burbank, CA 91505, 818-954-6000, and Fax: 10201 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035, 213-203-3553.

two did not even submit an essay; someone who cared about them did.

Larry Gordon entered his wife, Dianne, in the contest without telling her. He submitted an essay singing her praises as a cook and community worker.

"It was the sweetest, sweetest thing," she said. "It was such a compliment." Logan saw an announcement about the contest last year. "I thought, man, I would love to do that," she said. Her friend Pat Childress nominated Logan in an essay that began, "I've never seen my friend in a red suit, but she certainly looks right at home in an apron."

Winners of the contest get a diamond pin shaped like the Betty Crocker spoon logo, a \$500 donation to the school of their choice and 55 Betty Crocker products for a local charity.

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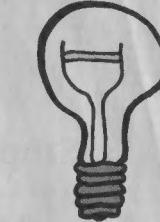


Mailbox - Philip B. Downing
His design incorporates the hinged door operating that is a common feature on U.S. mailboxes.
Patent #4,682,938 - October 27, 1991.

Golf Ball - George F. Grant
Patent for the golf ball, featuring a ribbed surface designed to mold a hitting surface from dirt and sand.
Patent #6,303,920 - December 12, 1999.



Traffic Light - Garrett A. Morgan - His invention of the three-way automatic traffic signal helped make the roads safer for all of us.
Patent #1,475,024 - November 20, 1923.



Electric Lamp with carbon filament - Lewis Latimer - He developed key innovations in the electric lamp design resulting in improved durability. These improvements increased effectiveness and lowered cost.
Patent #2,471,297 - September 12, 1889.

Fountain Pan - W. B. Purvin - He designed a simple, durable and inexpensive fountain pan which was ideally suited for general use.
Patent #419,060 - January 7, 1891.



McDonald's® salutes these African American innovators and joins in the celebration of Black History throughout the year.

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LIFESTYLE

NESF coordinates networking training sessions

NEWARK—Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. (NESF) is coordinating Networking Training Sessions entitled "Uplifting The Hands Of Service."

The training program is an off-spring of the collaborative partner-

ship between social service providers and religious representatives outlined at the Seventh Annual Networking Conference "Faith Without Works Is Dead" held in November 1995.

"The networking training sessions are needed," said Jeanette Page-

Hawkins, Executive Director of NESF. "The training will build a bridge between the organizations and the community-at-large to ensure quality service to the residents of Essex County."

The training topics will focus on the various services provided by social service agencies and implement ways to ensure a sensitive social service delivery system.

The schedule for the training is as

follows: Services Workshop—Saturday, February 17, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Trinity & St. Phillip's Cathedral Rectory Street; Referral Workshop Thursday, February 22, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament School Clinton Avenue; Sensitivity Workshop, Friday, March 1, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Catholic Community Services on Raymond Blvd. For additional information call NESF at 201-643-5727.

Research has indicated that children like adults, have special nutritional needs which may require vitamin supplementation. Studies have shown that children from all backgrounds, including middle and upper income families, often have nutritional deficiencies. "Junk" foods, irregular meal times, colds, flu and other illnesses contribute to the problem by depleting the body's store of important nutrients.

Vitamins C and A, and minerals such as Calcium and Zinc are among the nutrients that are frequently found to be low in children.

"Picky eaters" often respond well to the addition of Zinc to the diet.

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LEGAL NOTICE

THE NEWARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act of 1975, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., popularly known as the "Sunshine Law," the Newark Public School District wishes to announce the following:

REVISED SCHEDULE OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

DATE	STARTING TIME	LOCATION
February 27, 1996	6:00 P.M.	10th Fl. Conference Room 2 Cedar Street
March 28, 1996	6:00 P.M.	Raised Hemisphere 3rd Floor 345 Broadway
April 23, 1996	6:00 P.M.	10th Fl. Conference Room 2 Cedar Street
May 28, 1996	6:00 P.M.	Arts High School 10th Floor 100 Martin L. King, Jr. Bldg.
June 25, 1996	6:00 P.M.	George Washington Carver School, 333 Camden Street

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE LOCATIONS OF THE MEETINGS FOR MARCH, MAY AND JUNE AS PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED IN OUR ANNUAL SCHOOL CALENDAR HAVE CHANGED.

This Schedule will be provided to the public within 48 hours of any revision.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THOSE PERSONS WANTING TO BE PLACED OR REMAIN ON THE MAILING LIST MUST SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO: THE NEWARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS, OFFICE OF SCHOOL AFFAIRS, ROOM 102, 2 CEDAR STREET, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07102.

Call Gladys Smith 201-275-1212

02/14/96 FEE: \$100.00

Contestants sought for 20th Mrs. America Pageant

JACKSON—Lillian Lehman, the New Jersey State Director for the Nationally Televised Mrs. America Pageant is accepting applications for the 1996 pageant year. The pageant will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Somerville, NJ Sunday, June 30, 1996.

The prospective candidates must be at least 18 years old, currently married, a U.S. citizen (or possess a Green Card), and a resident of New Jersey for at least six months. Women interested in entering the pageant must submit to the pageant head-quarters a current snapshot and a brief biography of themselves.

The Mrs. America pageant is the only pageant of its kind for married women that is nationally televised. The event is dedicated to promoting the idea of contemporary American Marriage. The competition includes a twenty minute interview with the panel of judges, and on stage Swimsuit and Evening Gown Competitions. There is no performing talent requirement. Approximately 80 percent of the women who enter have never participated in a pageant before.

The current Mrs. America Kimberly Brasher from Edmond, OK is a 35-year-old Attorney at Law. She is married with four sons.

To receive your official application, by the February 15th deadline, please write to the Mrs. New Jersey America Pageant, PO Box 23, Jackson, NJ, 08527-0023, or call 908-828-9050.

Help is on the way

BELL MEAD—If you are a parent who is currently having questions about your child and are not sure where to find the answers, The Parent's HelpLine may be able to help. The line is a new free service for parents with questions or concerns about their children or adult offspring.

The service is a "warm-line" not a "hotline," according to Charleen Alderfer, Ed.D., supervisor of the Family Therapy Institute at Carrier Foundation, A caller may contact the Parent's HelpLine at any time and leave a message. A family therapist from the Family

Therapy Institute will answer the call within 24 hours, or on weekends by the following Monday.

The HelpLine assists parents with concerns about infants and toddlers, school-age children and with matters ranging from bedtime and training problems to sharing parental responsibilities.

With adolescents, a parent's concern might be setting curfews or dealing with alcohol and drug use. With adult offspring, it might be a son or daughter leaving home (or not leaving home). Contact the Parent's HelpLine by calling 908-281-0974.

The Parent's HelpLine is a resource for parents to provide the public with 48 hours of any revision.

Please be advised that those persons wanting to be placed or remain on the mailing list must submit written communication to: The Newark Public Schools, Office of School Affairs, Room 102, 2 Cedar Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

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Being Black in America: A Real Picture

Remember your first real history lesson?

Black History Calendar

FEBRUARY THRU MARCH

PATERSON—Black & White Reunion exhibition by Kenneth Marra at the library. For more info call 201-327-3200.

TRENTON—A selection from the NJ State Art Collection by African-American artists is on view throughout the third floor of the fine art gallery. For more info call the museum at 609-292-6300.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

MONTCLAIR—12-Mile West Theatre Co. presents ROUNDS: a play focused on four men gathered to watch a boxing match, who stop and face up to each other. For reservations call 201-746-7181.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

CAPRI MAY—An African-American heritage celebration at the Carnegie House on Elmira Pleasant Street. Celebration includes art exhibits, musical events, lectures, and oral history. For more info call 800-877-7393.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

NEWARK—"Balancing Acts: Photographs from West Africa" by artist A. Obafemi Taiwo. On display at the Newark Center for the Creative Arts. For more info call 201-739-7793.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

NEWARK—The Newark Museum presents an exhibit on African Design. Highlights of the Trans-Saharan Trade which examines the pool of shared designs in North and Sub-Saharan African arts during the last 100 years. For more info call 201-595-6355.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

NEW YORK—African American art achievements of black Americans are celebrated in a new exhibition entitled *Moments in Black History* featuring events of blacks who participated in the Revolution and other important events in America at the Seaport Gallery, 375 Park Ave. For more info call 212-572-7379.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

PRINCETON—Performance of "Greensboro" at McCarter Theatre. Showtime at 8 p.m. Single tickets \$10. Party to order tickets call 609-683-8000.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

ENGLEWOOD—The Harlem Blues & Jazz Band appears in concert at 8 p.m. at the John Harks Theatre. For tickets call 201-567-3600.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

NEW YORK—Open Star/Grace Brumby presents the U.S. premiere of the Grace

NEWARK—Discussion on Male and Female Relationships with Dr. Pauline Reid. Meet at 11:30 a.m. in the main conference room. A party from 1-4 p.m. will follow. For more info call 201-877-2608.

EDISON—"Inspiring Entrepreneurs in Our Youth" lecture by Vincent Stallings at Middlesex County College room 319. For more info call 908-906-5700.

CAMDEN—The Frinkank Project will discuss "The Evolution for Reconciliation and Rewriting History" at Rutgers University at 12:15 p.m. For more info call 609-225-6026.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

WAYNE—Various faculty from WPC's African-American and Caribbean Students dept. will participate in a symposium entitled "Celebrating Culture in the African Diaspora." 12:30 p.m. at Ram 2008. For more info call 201-595-3103.

UNION—The Kean College Arts Series presents "Shades of Hatred" at the Weller Theater in Union. For more info call 800-877-6500.

NEW YORK—Jazz at Lincoln Center presents Jazz on Film "Focus of Sphere: A Celibidaci Look at the Impact and Artistry of Thelonious Sphere Monk" in the Walter Reade Theatre. For tickets call CenterCharge at 212-721-6500.

WAYNE—The Evolution of Jazz, America's Classic Music," a lecture and demonstration by Dr. Yusel Elias and His Jazz Ensemble at WPC in the student center ballroom at 7 p.m. For more info call 201-595-3103.

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Trading police—cards that is

by Kelly Howard

PLAINFIELD—“I’ll trade you Sanders for Robinson.” “Only if you throw in your spare Johnson.” “OK.” Kids trading baseball or basketball cards is an old hobby, but kids collecting and trading police cards is something new.

As part of a program, which began in May 1995, Plainfield Police officers are trading cards with their photo by cameras, for its First Edition Plainfield Police Division—Police Trading Cards. Started by Detective Jim Schukles when he attended a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) conference, the program hopes to provide and improve relations between the youth of the city and its police officers.

“This is a great, unique way for youngsters in our community to get to know the officers better and learn about them each day working in the streets,” said Lt. Police Chief John D’Amato.

The cards, which are being offered for free, came out just recently and can be obtained from any police officer; as long as he is not in a serious situation, or by going down to the police station at the front desk. The

cards, presently 34, will eventually include all 140 members of the police force.

While the cards are a plus for providing a contact between the police and the community, they are an added bonus for not having cost the public any money. Funded principally by the Plainfield Municipal Alliance and augmented by the Community Partnership Program (Community Oriented Policing Officers), the program is self-sustaining, so they are offering sponsorships to local businesses and individuals.

Like sports collectors and trading cards, the police cards have a glossy picture front, with information about the officer and a positive message on the back.

So the next time you hear kids trading “Sanders,” “Robinson,” or “Johnson,” just remember that they may not mean “Barry,” “David” and “Magic.” They are talking about Det. Rodney D’Amato, Lt. John D’Amato, Police Officer Bonita B. Robinson and Police Officer Kenneth L. Johnson.

For more information on getting cards or sponsoring, call Sgt. Donald Moye at 908-753-3028 or Det. James Schukles at 908-753-3138.



Front of trading card



Back of trading card

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“The black community will take pride in knowing that many of the items used in their day-to-day lives were invented by black people,” Moore says. “Many who visit the museum will experience a sense of appreciation of the brilliance that the inventors possessed.” —ST. LOUIS, MO

FORMER GOVERNOR OF FEDERAL RESERVE COMMENTS ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STUDY

Honored at a Business Policy Research Council (BPRC) tribute to corporate pioneers, former Federal Reserve member Andrew F. Brimmer announced he had recently completed a study of affirmative action in American businesses. “What I found is that while affirmative action is frequently touted as overcomeing the consequences of past discrimination, we found that affirmative action has ended exactly when discrimination has ended. Affirmative action is needed to ensure that African Americans can take advantage of opportunities once they are inside.”

—WASHINGTON, DC

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Black History Calendar

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BRUNSWICK Black Musical Heritage Ensemble, a musical chorus celebrating the spiritual and gospel music of African Americans. Concert at 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 17 THRU 20 NEWARK—Join ECC on an excursion to the National Black Arts Festival at Shaw University, North Carolina Central, North Carolina. A&T and Livingstone University. Tour includes hotel accommodations, meals, transportation and \$170. Double \$150; Triple \$125; Quad \$100. For more info call 201-877-3206.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 VAUGHN-HALL—The Union Township Community Action Organization, Inc.’s Black History and MLK Breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon at the Oliver Young Annex on Springfield Ave. For more info call 908-686-6150.

NEWARK—A day-long conference at the Newark Museum on the 20th anniversary of the court decision of separate but equal. Registration begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18. Cost \$10. For more info call Dr. Price at 201-824-8422.

PISCATAWAY—“Africa Under the Light,” a variety of presentations highlighting the culture of different African nations focusing on Ghana, Kenya and Nigeria at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18. Cost \$10. Call Rutgers University, Room 200, Center Rutgers University, to reserve a seat. Call Uncle Nwogwu at 908-878-2907.

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